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E.9. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS, UG

SUBJ: POSSIBLE SC MEETING ON ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION

REF: STATE 166529

1. WE CONVEYED POINTS MADE REFTEL TO MFA OFFICER DIRECTOR
FOR UN AFFAIRS, FERRABOSCHI, THIS MORNING. FERRABOSCHI SAID
MFA IS WATCHING CAREFULLY TO SEE IF AMIN IN FACT INTENDS TO
TAKE HIS CASE TO SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT HAS NO INDICATIONS
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TO DATE THAT SUCH ACTION IS UNDERWAY. FOR THAT REASON, AND

BECAUSE THERE ARE DIFFERING VIEWS WITHIN THE MFA, FERRABOSCHI SAID THERE IS NOT YET AN OFFICIAL GOI POSITION ON A POSSIBLE AMIN INITIATIVE. HE ALSO AVOIDED SPECULATING ON WHAT THE GOI STANCE WOULD BE IN THE EVENT.

2. COMMENT: WITHOUT NAMING FACTIONS, FERRABOSCHI SAID THERE ARE THOSE IN THE MINISTRY ARGUING THE ILLEGALITY OF THE ISRAELI MOVE, WITH OTHERS MAKING THE CASE FOR HUMANITARIAN NEED. WHILE FERRABOSCHI, WITH PERHAPS EXCESSIVE PRUDENCE, DECLINED TO PREDICT ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR THE US VIEW, WE HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT GOI WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY AND RAPIDLY IF THE PROBLEM MATERIALIZES, ALWAYS PROVIDING OF COURSE THAT THE OTHER EC EIGHT ARE OF THE SAME GENERAL VIEW.VOLPE

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